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Barrett's
Tomato
Seeds
—1915—



SELECT
TOMATO SEEDS

1915 CROP



PURE STOCK
SYSTEMATIC METHODS
EXTREME CARE
PERSONAL ATTENTION



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TERMS

On Contract Orders: June 1st acceptance, or 5% discount for cash in ten days from date of invoice.

On Spot Orders for shipment from Stock: 60 days, or 2% discount for cash in ten days from date of invoice.

VARIETIES 1915

Sparks' Earliana
Chalk's Early Jewel
Bonny Best
Early Detroit
Early Michigan
Acme
Beauty
Stone
Perfection
Paragon
Favorite
Matchless
Improved Trophy
Red Rock

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My Strain of Chalk's Early Jewel

The year 1915 promises to be an excellent one for the tomato seed dealer, especially in the South, where cotton conditions are influencing the grower to diversify his efforts.

I am constantly improving my equipment and shall be especially well prepared, this year, to take care of growing orders for the highest type of tomato seeds of the well-known standard sorts that it is possible to produce.

LOCATION The desirability of growing tomato seeds in a northern district is so universally admitted that any argument seems unnecessary. My location in Michigan, near the lakes, is ideal. The soil is rich and productive, the summer is short enough to hasten growth and produce early fruit, the temperature is moderate and the sun rarely hot enough to scald the fruit.



Barrett's Acme

I wish to call your special attention to my Acme. I have bred this variety to earliness so that it now ripens with Chalk's Early Jewel, Early Michigan, Atlantic Prize and other second earlies, and I have decided to make a much lower price for Acme this year than last.

MY STOCKS I maintain at considerable expense a stock seed department where we are constantly selecting and breeding toward a higher type of perfection the varieties of tomatoes I undertake to grow.

The superiority of the strains has become fixed and can be depended upon to meet the most exacting requirements of the conscientious and ambitious seedsman who wishes to make a leader of this profitable department of the business, and to give his customers something superior in quality.

It has always been a mystery to me why any seedsman should even consider the tomato seeds from unknown sources or from so-called growers with unknown or doubtful sources of supply. A saving of even ten cents per pound means but a difference of possibly one cent per acre.

It has been said many times that the success of the seed business depends upon faith, and this sentiment never has been expressed more strongly and clearly than by Mr. Burpee. This is particularly true of tomato seeds, the appearance of which gives no indication of variety, strain, purity, or viability. I have had this distinctly in mind through the years and have never, for the sake of any present gain, sold a pound of tomato seeds that might tend to qualify that faith I am anxious all the trade shall have in me and my stocks.

The photograph on the following pages shows a part of my trials and stocks. It was taken from the water tank tower in the rear of the greenhouses. Although it does not show them, it gives a view of a part of the plant beds.



Some Trials



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MY METHODS I put out no seeds on contract. Some of my tomatoes are grown on contract, but I furnish the stock seeds or the plants, usually the latter. All the fruit is delivered to me to be seeded, each variety in a location by itself. The men who do the work, the tools, machines, are all separate and distinct for each variety. By this means, although the method is a little more expensive than some others, I eliminate the probability of mixture.

PRICES By these conservative, systematic methods, by growing large acreages of the several varieties separately, I am able to produce the very choicest stocks grown and at reasonable prices.

I accept orders conservatively and am usually able to deliver in full.

In case of surplus, I protect my trade by not offering at a less price than that made for contract orders.



A Fine Crop of Red Rock

Sparks' Earliana A deep red tomato. The vines are compact in growth, with short, close jointed branches. This is an extra-early tomato and the best so far produced. Very productive. Fruit fair size and firm. In test it ripened fruit in 108 days from date of sowing seed.

Chalk's Early Jewel A second or medium early sort. Later than Earliana. Vines vigorous and productive. Fruit solid and without hard core. Color bright scarlet. A sort having great merit.

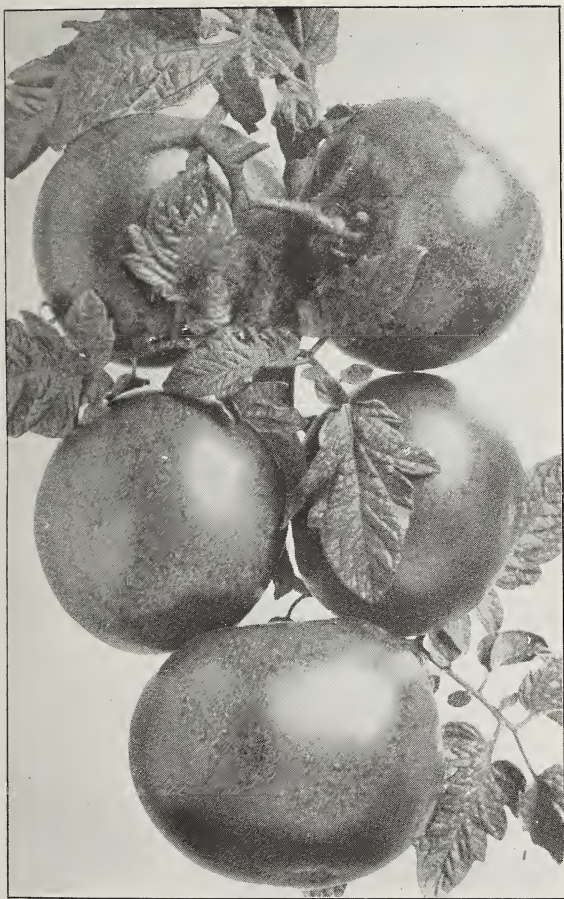
Bonny Best A sort introduced by Walter P. Stokes. Ripens with my strain of Chalk's Early Jewel. Vine strong and vigorous. Fruit deep scarlet, ripening to stem. Flesh firm. A productive and very desirable early and main crop variety.

Early Detroit Vines vigorous and productive; fruit round or nearly globe shaped, firm, and purplish-pink in color. Ripens with Chalk's Early Jewel and is a splendid second early variety.

Early Michigan Vines large, with large, dark green leaves, vigorous and productive, being under high culture one of the heaviest croppers; fruit medium size to large, perfectly smooth, solid, but without any core; deep rich-red color, and of excellent flavor. Its first fruits are very early, but the vines continue to bear for a long time.

Acme Vine hardy and productive. Fruit in clusters of four or five, round, smooth and of good size; flesh solid and of excellent flavor. There is no better variety for market gardeners who want an early purple fruited sort.

Beauty Vines large, vigorous and heavy bearers; fruit large, uniform in size, very smooth, and excellent flavor; color purplish-pink. The best purple sort.



Barrett's Improved Beauty

Stone Vines vigorous and productive; fruit large, smooth, deep red in color, and very heavy. The best all around variety where earliness is not important.

Perfection A smooth, blood-red tomato. Ripens with Acme, and a week or ten days earlier than the Stone. A desirable sort for gardeners and canners who require a red tomato.

Paragon Livingston says: "Many gardeners, canners and catsup makers will have no other. It is a large variety, larger than several of the standard kinds cultivated. An immense cropper. Flesh solid, well colored and flavored. Ripens between the early and late varieties, grows vigorously, and no variety holds its size better late in the season. Color of skin glossy, deep red."

Favorite This is a very popular variety. Fruit dark red color, smooth; flesh firm, and fine flavored. A very heavy cropper.

Matchless The color is rich cardinal red. The skin is so tough that it is a splendid keeper and shipper, and is less liable to crack in wet weather than any other large tomato. Unsurpassed for market or for table. The plant is a strong grower, and is very productive, bearing with undiminished vigor until frost. The fruit is free from core, and the seed spaces are comparatively small.

Improved Trophy Vines large, vigorous and productive. Fruit deep, rich red, solid, smooth and fine flavored.

Red Rock Introduced by D. Landreth Seed Co. Ripens with Stone. Fruit scarlet, round, large, smooth and coloring evenly to stem. Flesh firm and of fine flavor. Good producer and shipper. A variety of great merit.

In asking for prices for growing please give an estimate of your probable needs of the different sorts.

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A Stock Plat

